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In response to the first non-final Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The inter-domain configuration manager, inter-domain fault manager and inter-domain capacity manager may be interfaced to the set of network service management applications and the set of network element domain managers through corresponding published Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).--

Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract beginning at page 20, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph: